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NEW COUNCIL ADDRESSES
MISSION ISSUES

DPS 82246

NEW YORK (DPS, Nov. 24) -- Any thought that members of the Episcopal Church Executive Council might have had of carrying out their work in a world free of sexual and racial slurs had died a-borning. Their first meeting confronted them with the existence of X-rated, racist video "games."

None of the Council members was actually so naive -- the quick smooth agreement on matters of apartheid, weapons use and social needs is proof of that -- but there is no question that the members were disconcerted to learn that such "games" are ready for marketing.

The 40-member Council -- more than half of whose members are new -- met for two days at the Episcopal Church Center in mid-November to begin to shape the programs authorized by the General Convention. The Council meets three times a year to administer the programs and budget of the Convention. Most of its work is done through standing committees that oversee the major divisions of the program development budget of the Church.

It was through the committee on Education for Mission and Ministry that the Council learned of the existence of a video-arcade game called "Custer's Revenge" in which a naked male figure crosses desert obstacles to ravish an Indian woman figure. The game is expected to be marketed by the American Multiple Industries of Northridge, Calif.

A recent interracial education bulletin warns that this is the first of a number of X-rated games that may find their way into the arcades that have become part of the life of nearly every town in the country. The

article quotes a spokesman for American Multiple as asserting that the game "was strictly for fun....It's not doing violence to women. The only thing that might be construed as violent is tying an Indian maiden to a post and ravishing her, but he doesn't beat her first."

It took the Council but a very few minutes to express its attitude about that with a resolution condemning the game as "prurient, lascivious and pornographic" and calling upon local Church groups to press state, regional and municipal governments to act against its installation and sale.

The resolution notes the objection of women's groups -- the concern had come from the Episcopal Women's Caucus -- and Indian groups and joins with them in urging American Multiple to halt its distribution. Before the vote was taken the firm was called and a spokesman told Council member Marge Christie of Newark that the marketing was still planned.

Taking considerably more time on the Council agenda was the business of integrating The Next Step and the Jubilee Ministry programs through which the Church hopes to address the mission development issues and social needs of the '80s. Both programs won enthusiastic support from the Convention although the Jubilee plan was given only development funds.

Between the conclusion of Convention and this first Council meeting, much had already been done to bring the two programs into line including a meeting of Council members, Convention officials and Church Center staff concerned with the programs and the development of a study guide for parishes to use in the self-evaluation of mission that is at the core of The Next Step.

Council heard a review of these meetings, examined the materials -- which have been mailed to every congregation -- and explored Council and staff roles through the committee sessions. Council members seemed united in their contention that the two programs could only succeed if they were fully integrated into the continuing work and with each other. Council authorized creation of a mechanism to oversee this integration.

In one of its biggest such actions to date, the Council allocated more than \$1.6 million of undesignated Venture in Mission funds to finance a number of projects throughout the United States and around the world. The bulk of the money -- \$750,000 -- was given to overseas development projects undertaken by Anglican communions in Ecuador, Tanzania, the Phillipines and Liberia.

In many of the cases under scrutiny at this meeting, the allocation of the undersigned monies will complete the funding of the projects. The Council also authorized a revision of the original casebook to highlight worthy projects that have not yet won funding and which still remain viable programs for future consideration.

The oppressive apartheid system of South Africa has been a continuing emphasis of Council -- one mandated by General Convention -- and will continue to be during this triennium. The newly-seated Council gave unanimous support to a declaration by Archbishop Trevor Huddleston of the Province of the Indian Ocean in support of a United Nations initiative to free South African freedom fighter Nelson Mandela who has been in jail for 20 years.

This concern was further supported in a series of resolutions on stockholder actions dealing with firms that do business in South Africa, but with a new twist this time: a commendation of a firm.

Shearson-American Express company -- following a series of negotiations with Church leaders last year -- has issued a company policy barring loan or bond activity with the racist regime or any of its agencies. This action won from Council a unanimous declaration hailing the "forthright action" and asking that the Presiding Bishop "express our admiration and commendation" to the firm.

In another unusual move the Council is asking the Church Pension Fund to disclose detailed records of its voting on social responsibility issues during the 1980s, contending that the role of a corporate stockholder -- such as the Church or the Pension Fund -- includes "serious consideration of and intentional voting with respect to shareholder resolutions dealing with social issues."

After hearing that 62 dioceses (of 67 reporting) have already accepted their full apportionment, the Council gave formal approval to the program development budget of \$20,883,000 for 1983.

Council also approved the appointment of eight missionaries who are taking up work in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific islands and thanked four who have completed tours and are returning to the States. They also received the appointment of a number of volunteers who are beginning service under the Volunteers for Mission program and offered their gratitude to those whose term is completed.

In one neat confluence of interests and programs, Gustav Hansen, a recent Columbia College graduate, will teach English in Japan under the Volunteer program while his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Harry W. Hansen work as missionaries there.

Picture Caption

(Nov. 24, 1982)

#82246. The 40-member Executive Council of the Episcopal Church held its first meeting of the new triennium Nov. 17-18 at the Episcopal Church Center with 20 of its regularly-elected members taking their seats for the first time. Shown

here are three of those newcomers: the Rev. Donald A. Nickerson of Brunswick, Me., the Rev. Canon Vincent Pettit of Toms River, N.J., and the Rev. Canon Kermit L. Lloyd of Harrisburg, Pa. (l-r). The three were elected by provincial synods to represent Provinces I, II and III (respectively) until the 1983 General Convention.

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ATTACHMENTS: Summary of 1983 Program Development Committees of the Executive Council

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1983
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

1983
BUDGET

INCOME PROJECTION

FROM DIOCESAN SOURCES

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| Apportionment - U.S. Dioceses | \$ 16,649,000(a) |
| Voluntary - Overseas Dioceses | 33,000 |

FROM OTHER SOURCES

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| Trust Fund Income - Other than V.I.M. | \$ 2,400,000 |
| Trust Fund Income - V.I.M. | 200,000 |
| Short-Term Investments | 800,000 |
| Prior Years' Budget Balance | 450,000 |
| Recovery of Building Costs | 169,000 |
| From Trust Held by Others | 87,000 |
| U.T.O. Designated Grant | 60,000 |
| Prior Years' Adjustments | 20,000 |
| Special Gifts | <u>15,000</u> |
| Grand Total INCOME | <u>\$ 20,883,000</u> |

EXPENDITURES

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| EDUCATION FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY | \$ 3,337,759 |
| NATIONAL MISSION IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY | 4,956,499 |
| WORLD MISSION IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY | 7,287,610 |
| COMMUNICATION | 827,083 |
| STEWARDSHIP | 572,960 |
| FINANCE | 852,919 |
| RESERVES AND CONTINGENCIES | 361,121 |
| ADMINISTRATION SERVICES AND PERSONNEL | <u>2,687,049</u> |
| Grand Total EXPENDITURES | <u>\$ 20,883,000</u> |

(a) Assigned Apportionment \$17,404,000

COMMITTEES of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (11-24-82)

Education for Mission & Ministry

✓ Mr. Harry C. Griffith, chairman
✓ The Rev. Frederick H. Borsch
The Rev. Alex D. Dixon, Jr.
Mrs. Mary Flagg
The Rev. Wallace A. Frey
Dr. Arthur Raymond
✓ Mrs. Ruth Schmidt

Communication

✓ Mr. William Baker, chairman
The Rev. Sergio Carranza
✓ Mrs. Betty Connelly
The Rt. Rev. Donald J. Davis
✓ Mr. Robert F. Gaines

National Mission in Church & Society

Mr. John K. Cannon, chairman
The Very Rev. Allen Bartlett
Mr. Paul M. Chalk
Mrs. Scott T. Evans
The Rev. Leopoldo Frade
Mr. Harry W. Havemeyer
Mrs. Dixie Hutchinson
The Rev. Canon Kermit L. Lloyd

Finance/Administration

The Rev. Donald Hungerford, chairman
Mr. John L. Carson
Mr. Luis Ornelas
The Rt. Rev. Walter C. Righter
The Ven. Arthur B. Williams

Venture in Mission Process & Funding

✓ Mrs. Pamela C. Chinnis, chairwoman
Mr. John L. Carson
Mrs. Scott T. Evans
✓ Mr. Robert F. Gaines
The Rev. Donald A. Nickerson
✓ Mrs. Ruth Schmidt

Dispatch of Business

Mrs. Dixie Hutchinson, chairwoman
committee chairs

World Mission in Church & Society

The Rt. Rev. A. Donald Davies, chairman
The Rt. Rev. Edmond Browning
Sr. Jose Ramiro Chavez
Mrs. Majorie L. Christie
Mrs. Helen Eisenhart
Mr. Paul A. Frank
The Rev. Donald A. Nickerson
Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, Jr.

Stewardship

Mrs. Pamela Chinnis, chairwoman
The Rev. Jack Knight
Mr. George L. McGonigle
The Rev. Canon Vincent Pettit
The Rt. Rev. Furman C. Stough

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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF
THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

DPS 82247

NEW YORK (DPS, Nov. 24) -- The Executive Council of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church met at the Episcopal Church Center here, Nov. 17-18.

The Council -- which sets policy and develops programs for the Church between the triennial meetings of the General Convention -- consists of 40 members: 20 elected by the Convention; 18 elected by the Church's nine internal provinces, and the Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John M. Allin, and the President of the House of Deputies, Dr. Charles R. Lawrence. The Rev. Canon James R. Gundrum is secretary.

Changes in the Church's laws in the fall of 1979 have doubled the number of provincial representatives -- provinces previously elected one each -- and pared back the representation elected directly by each Convention from 14 to 10.

Most resolutions for Council action came through six standing committees and occasionally a special committee or sub-committee.

The Council took the following actions:

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION standing committee:

The Rev. Donald Hungerford, Odessa, Texas, chairman

- Adopted a Program Development Budget for 1983 in the amount of \$20,883,000, an amount set by General Convention last September.

- Heard Treasurer Matthew Costigan report on the encouraging financial picture, including the fact that 67 of 98 jurisdictions have made pledges on the 1983 budget, with 62 indicating acceptance of the full amount.

- Established the Warren J. Walsh trust fund (\$1,500), the income from which is to be used for the education and general welfare of American Indians.

- Established the Clare McGowin Phillips trust fund (\$172,640), the income from which is to be used for the prevention and cure of blindness and eye defects in developing countries.

- Established the Nellie F. Rinehart trust fund (\$9,240), the income from which is to be used for "home missions."

- Established a Theological Education Scholarships for Hispanic Americans trust fund, the income from which is to be used to provide financial assistance to Hispanic American postulants for Holy Orders.

- Established the Lizzie E. Boyd trust fund (\$3,400), the income from which is to be used to pay the cost of maintaining a missionary in a foreign field -- preferably a nurse.

- Established the Ellen F. Gregg and Donald McM. Gregg Memorial Fund (\$17,495.62), the income from which is to be used for general missionary work.
- Established the John McDowell Corn Memorial Fund, the income from which will be used to continue the work among refugees in which Father Corn was involved.
- Established a trust fund (\$84,000), for St. Andrew's Seminary, Manila, The Philippines, from a Venture in Mission grant by the Diocese of Western North Carolina.
- Established a trust fund to provide an endowment for the Anglican Diocese of Lake Malawi in Central Africa, with funds (\$100,000), provided by a Venture in Mission grant by the Diocese of Texas.
- Established the Elizabeth M. Montgomery trust fund (\$12,500), the income from which is to be used for missionary work in Latin America.
- Voted to retain the firm of John Deviny Carrico, Professional Association, to audit the financial records for the period of the calendar year 1982.
- Approved a general resolution for opening accounts in Citibank for overseas dioceses.
- Adopted a schedule for the budget process for 1984 and a tentative schedule of the Council meeting dates and geographic locations for 1983 and 1984.
- Established the Henry Knox Sherrill Memorial Fund (\$3 million), from the funds realized from the sale of Seabury House, with the income to be used for expenses of the meetings of the Council and its committees, for the expenses of overseas visitors who are guests of the Presiding Bishop, and with the principal to be used if approved to provide the Presiding Bishop with a residence.
- Voted to cancel the contingent receivable which the Seabury Press has owed the Council since 1967, amounting to \$1,163,442.
- Authorized a short term loan to the Seabury Press on Dec. 1, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for a period of 36 months.
- Voted to make certain revisions in the Personnel Committee Charter which serves the needs of the Church Center staff.
- Received from the Convention's Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance several comments and suggestions about budget items for this triennium.
- Voted to raise the housing allowance for clergy staff members up to 45 percent of their salary for income tax purposes.
- Elected the following persons to serve on the Committee on Trust Funds until February 1983 or until their successors are elected: Mrs. Joyce Phillips Austin, Arthur L. Thompson and Harry W. Havemeyer.

- Received by title from the treasurer various financial reports, including 1982 budget income and expenditures, 1982 apportionment payments by dioceses, receipts for special offerings, Venture in Mission funds, Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief accounts, and trust fund appropriations.

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VENTURE IN MISSION Process & Funding Committee
Mrs. Pamela C. Chinnis, chairwoman

- Appropriated \$100,000 from undesignated Venture funds for the project, Seminary Consultation on Mission.
- Appropriated \$200,000 from undesignated funds for the Venture Taiwan project.
- Appropriated \$750,000 from undesignated funds for Overseas Development projects.
- Appropriated \$200,000 from undesignated gifts for the Venture project of the Igreja Episcopal do Brasil.
- Appropriated \$25,000 of Venture undesignated funds for use of the Columbia/ARENSA project.
- Appropriated \$400,000 from undesignated gifts to Venture in Mission for use in Guatemala.
- Authorized transmittal of \$40,000 designated by the Diocese of Oklahoma and appropriated \$75,000 from undesignated funds to finance the Audio-Visual resources for Total Ministry project.
- Established a trust fund with gifts from Western North Carolina, income from which will support education for ministry at St. Andrew's Seminary, The Philippines.
- Authorized transmittal of a \$27,000 Trinity Church gift to the non-Asian refugee project of the Diocese of New York.
- Authorized transmittal of \$30,000 gift of Diocese of Milwaukee to a missionary district project in the eastern portion of the Diocese of Eau Claire.
- Released funds totalling \$105,243.26 from gifts of the Dioceses of Dallas and West Missouri for use of the Diocese of Central and South Mexico.
- Released \$34,869.69 in gifts from the Diocese of Western Massachusetts to the Diocese of Guatemala.
- Released \$40,000 from the Diocese of Colorado to Guatemala.
- Released #12,000 from the Diocese of New Jersey to the Diocese of Panama.
- Amended the charter of the committee to reduce membership to one person from each standing committee, reflecting a diminished work load.
- Authorized closing Venture projects that have received funding, of less than \$1,000 and forwarding the accumulated designated gifts to the projects.

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WORLD MISSION standing committee

The Rt. Rev. A. Donald Davies, Dallas, Texas, chairman

- Established a Companion Diocese relationship between the Diocese of Western Massachusetts and the Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro of the Province of Tanzania for three years, and renewed the relationship between the Diocese of Easton and the Diocese of Antigue until 1985.
- Amended the guidelines for retirement allowance premiums for overseas missionaries.
- Accepted overseas missionary appointments and terminations as announced.
- Received a list of Volunteers for Mission personnel changes and new appointments.
- Received a brief report on the work of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.
- Referred the matter of the study of the Filioque clause in the Nicene Creed to the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations for action as called for by the General Convention in September.

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EDUCATION FOR MISSION & MINISTRY standing committee

Harry Griffith, Winter Park, Fla., chairman

- Condemned the video-arcade game, "Custer's Revenge," as "prurient, lascivious and pornographic," and called upon local Church groups to press state, regional and municipal governments to act against the game's installation and sale.
- Discussed the integrating of The Next Step and the Jubilee Ministry programs -- which were adopted by Convention last September -- and which the Church hopes will address the mission development issues and social needs of the 1980s.
- Approved forming a coordinating team -- representative of the diversity of the Episcopal Church -- to recommend actions to integrate The Next Step and the Jubilee Ministry programs.

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STEWARDSHIP standing committee

Mrs. Pamela Chinnis, West Palm Beach, Fla., chairwoman

- Approved an updated Venture in Mission case book, "Catalogue of Mission Opportunities," which lists current, high priority mission needs and projects.

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SECRETARY

The Rev. Canon James R. Gundrum

- Received from the secretary a list of communications which he has received and referred them to standing committees as appropriate.
- Received from the Secretary a summary of correspondence through his office.

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COMMUNICATION standing committee

William Baker, Lake Quivera, Kans., chairman

- Viewed some evangelism spots for television and a video tape on General Convention produced by the Communication Office.
- Learned of a proposed monthly newsletter for Church leaders, beginning in February, to be issued by the Communication Office.

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NATIONAL MISSION standing committee

John Cannon, Detroit, Mich., chairman

- Learned that a National Peace Conference of the Episcopal Church is planned for Denver, Colo., April 27-May 1, 1983.
- Commended the management of Shearson-American Express for its statement which prohibits the lending of funds to the government of South Africa and its agencies or the sale of South African government bonds.
- Approved support for a shareholder resolution asking TRW to report its policy on certain employment practices.
- Approved support for a shareholder resolution calling on TRW to re-evaluate its MX contract and to take steps to terminate the contract by October 1983.
- Approved support for a shareholder resolution asking Bristol-Myers to use secret ballots in its annual meetings, beginning in 1984.
- Approved a shareholder resolution asking Bristol-Myers to endorse and implement the WHO/UNICEF Code with regard to infant formula.
- Approved a shareholder resolution calling on J.P. Morgan to review its employment policies and to take steps to provide equal compensation for comparable work.
- Approved support for a shareholder resolution asking J.P. Morgan to establish a policy against making any new loans or renewing old loans to the government of South Africa.
- Approved support for a shareholder resolution asking Motorola not to make further sales to the police or military units of the government of South Africa until it abolishes its policy of apartheid.

- Approved support for a shareholder resolution asking several insurance companies to announce their voting record on social issue resolutions with companies in their portfolio for the calendar years 1981-1983.
- Approved support for a resolution asking the Episcopal Church Pension Fund to reveal its voting record on social resolutions with companies in their portfolio for the calendar years 1981-1983.
- Approved a resolution in support of a declaration by Archbishop Trevor Huddleston of the Province of the Indian Ocean, calling for the release of Nelson Mandela who has been imprisoned by the government of South Africa for 20 years.

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NOTE: In DPS Picture Caption #82222, there was the announcement that *Hymnal Studies 2: Introducing the Hymnal 1982* would be available in the spring of 1983. Publication of the booklet is ahead of schedule and may now be ordered from the Church Hymnal Corporation, 800 Second Ave., New York, NY 10017, for \$4.50, but pre-paid orders filed before Dec. 31 will be filled at \$3.50.

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